Development scheme for weaker sections of society

829. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up any development scheme for the socio-economic upliftment of weaker sections of the society; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) For the socio-economic upliftment of SCs & STs, who constitute the majority of the weaker sections of the society, the comprehensive strategies of Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes and Tribal Sub-Plan have been adopted. The Tribal Sub-Plan came into being from V Five Year Plan and the Special Component Plan for SCs from VI Five Year Plan. The SCP/TSP strategy is aimed at channelising the flow of benefits and outlays from the general sectors in the Plan of States and Central Ministries for the development of SCs & STs in physical and financial terms.

In addition to SCP & TSP, the following Central & Centrally Sponsored schemes are being administered by the Ministry of Welfare:

1. Post-matric scholarships for SCs & STs;
2. Pre-matric scholarships for the children of those engaged in unclean occupations;
3. Book Bank scheme for SC & ST students studying in medical & engineering colleges;
4. Special Central Assistance to SCP & TSP;
5. Boys hostel for SCs & STs;
6. Girls hostel for SCs & STs;
7. Coaching and allied schemes for SCs & STs;
8. Grant-in-aid to voluntary organisations engaged in welfare activities for SCs & STs;
9. PCR machinery and prevention of atrocities;
10. Liberation of scavengers;
11. Central assistance to SC Development Corporations;
12. National SC & ST Finance & Development Corporation;
13. Research & Training scheme for SCs;
14. Investment in Tribal Cooperative and Marketing Federation (TRIFED);
15. Ashram schools in Tribal Sub-Plan areas;
16. Research & Training scheme for STs

(a) (i) Grant-in-aid to Tribal Research Institutes.

(ii) Reward of Research fellowships.

(b) Supporting projects of All-India or inter-State nature for STs;

17. Development of oilseeds and oils from trees of forest origin in Tribal areas;
18. Grant-in-aid to TRIFED; and
19. Price support to TRIFED.

Appointment of new dealers for Maruti Udyog Limited

830. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to change the method appointing new dealers for Maruti Udyog Limited; and